

Final Rites For Gardner Scheduled

National And State Leaders To Pay Tribute To For- mer Governor

SHELBY SILENT

Body To Lie In State Prior To Funeral At 2:30 P. M. Today

SHELBY, Feb. 7. —(AP)—O. Max Gardner's body was returned today to Shelby, the home town to which he always came back when he could get away from the pressure of public and private affairs elsewhere.

A sorrowing throng of townspeople, friends and neighbors, lined the streets as a horse bore the remains of the former governor and recently appointed ambassador to Great Britain through the heart of the city to a funeral home.

Accompanied by Mrs. Gardner and other members of the family the body was brought by train to nearby Kings Mountain from New York where the 64-year-old ambassador was fatally stricken by coronary thrombosis yesterday just a few hours before he was due to sail for London to take up his diplomatic post.

At Kings Mountain, it was transferred to a hearse for the motor trip to Shelby. A silent crowd, including many county and city officials, watched as the body was removed from one side of the train while members of the family left by the other side and entered waiting automobiles.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey, a brother-in-law of Gardner, said Mrs. Gardner was bearing up well under her grief. She and other relatives drove immediately to the family mansion in Shelby.

The body will lie in state from noon until 2 p. m., tomorrow in the First Baptist church, where the funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m. Gardner's pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall will conduct the funeral, assisted by the Rev. John W. Suttle, moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist association. Burial will be in Sunset cemetery.

Notable figures in the nation and state will be among those present for the funeral. They will come from New York and Washington and elsewhere, and from all parts of North Carolina.

Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and Mrs. Snyder flew down from Washington today to express their sympathy to the bereaved family. They were unable to stay for the funeral because of engagements the cabinet official had made.

His department, however, will be represented by the following: A. L. M. Wiggins, under secretary; J. M. Wiggins, Jr., general counsel; Joseph J. O'Connell, special assistant; Arthur Gardner, and John C. Graham, who was special as-

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HAMBONE RETURNS TO REGULAR SPOT FOLLOWING DELAY

Due to irregularities in the mail service Hambone has been missing in the Star these last few days. While we were sorry to omit the little feature, its absence was not without value, as it provided an opportunity to learn how popular Hambone is with Star readers.

Numerous phone calls were received asking what had happened. Members of the staff have been stopped on the street to be asked the same question.

It quickly became apparent that the Star must do something about getting him back. Well, here he is again, in the same position on Page 1 he occupied before, to the delight of his large following and we hope there may be no interruptions in the future.

The feature, "Uncle Bud Says," that has been Hambone's "stand-in" will be found on Page 2 today and will continue to appear each morning in the Star.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley

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Admits Date



M.P. Corporal Joseph DuMals (above), 29, of Claremont, N. H., stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., is being held "on suspicion" in connection with the "Black Dahlia" murder. When DuMals was arrested on an embezzlement charge, the authorities found in his possession a clipping referring to the Elizabeth Short slaying. He admitted that he had a date with the girl on January 9. (International Soundphoto)

BUS - AUTO CRASH INJURES THREE

Car Driven By Oscar Johnson Strikes Bus Operated By Brother

An accident involving two brothers in different vehicles occurred early last night at Lanvale, near Southport, according to State Highway Patrolman J. L. Flowers, who investigated the crash involving a WB and S bus and a 1936 Plymouth sedan.

Flowers said the bus, operated by W. A. Johnson of Southport, made a routine stop at Lanvale, only to be struck from behind by the auto driven by his brother, Oscar J. Johnson of Bolivia.

Oscar Johnson received lacerations of the chin in the crash while J. V. Gore, riding in the car, suffered several fractured ribs. Also injured in the accident was another passenger of the auto, Norman Gore, who received a contusion of the left shoulder.

Flowers said several passengers on the bus were shaken up by the impact but none required treatment.

Damage to the auto was estimated at \$200, while the bus received damages of about \$50, he said.

A charge of reckless driving was placed against Oscar Johnson. Flowers revealed.

Day In Congress

By The Associated Press
PRESIDENCY — Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) told the Senate that the Truman-Hannegan boom for 1946 was started by Postmaster General Hannegan's speech before federal employes subject to the Hatch Act "who should not, by law, participate in politics."

BUDGET — GOP leaders virtually agreed on a \$5,500,000,000 slash in President Truman's budget with major economies on federal jobs, national defense and public works.

FOREIGN — Chairman Weichel (R-Ohio) of a house merchant marine sub-committee called for full data on Russia's reply to Lullie U. S. attempts to regain 95 lend-lease ships.

LABOR — Harold E. Stassen, GOP presidential aspirant, clashed with Senator Taft (R-Ohio) on his proposal to require secret strike votes. Taft called it "trivial" as far as final solution of the problem is concerned.

RENTS — Senate banking committee witnesses testified that a flat boost in rent ceilings might bring "a wave of evictions" and perhaps new wage demands. Other witnesses said OPA rent controls had driven properties off the market "by the tens of thousands."

TRADE — Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Millikin (R-Colo.) proposed a compromise to save the administration's reciprocal trade program. Under their plan, President Truman would overrule any tariff cuts damaging U. S. industry.

ATOMIC — Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) complained that colleagues were ignoring his witness against David E. Lilienthal, chairman-designate of the atomic energy commission.

McKellar Takes Time Off To Roast Weather Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. —(AP)— Senator Kenneth D. McKellar took a pot shot at the weather man today and touched off a heat wave.

The weather bureau, he said, hasn't predicted the weather in Washington correctly more than twice in the past six months.

The weather man, who admittedly has his ups and downs, wasn't taking that one lying down, informed of McKellar's blast, the weather charters burned as hot as a July forecast.

Finally, after tempers sizzled near the boiling-point, the bureau decided that the best report lay in cold statistics.

I. R. Tannehill, chief of the bureau's forecasting division, cited the record. During the five-month period from August through December, he said, the bureau's forecasts were 83.2 percent correct.

Legislature Delays Bill On Examiners

Proposal For Funeral Board Draws Fire In State Senate

RETIREMENT

House Passes Second ing On Motor Vehicle Dealer Law

RALEIGH, Feb. 7. —(AP)— The legislature dropped into low gear today, postponed until next Tuesday further considerations of a bill to create a board of examiners for funeral directors and embalmers, and received a measure to reduce from 60 to 55 the retirement age of state employees and teachers.

Senator Weathers of Cleveland vigorously opposed the board of examiners measure, introduced by Senator Allbrook of Halifax, and asserted that it merely would promote the closed shop in North Carolina.

There now are 21 supervising boards for professions and trades in the state, Senator Weathers said, and asked "When is this going to stop?"

He reminded the senate that a pending house bill would outlaw the closed shop in this state, and charged that the creation of such a board would only create a closed profession, or trade, in which it would be difficult for a young man to get a start.

He was joined in his opposition by Senators Gray of Forsyth and Cole of Richmond. Senator Cole said that "class legislation has gone too far," and Senator Gray tried to draw from Senator Allbrook an admission that directing funerals is a trade, not a highly trained profession.

A bill to increase the condemnation powers of the state highway and public works commission was introduced by Reps. Moseley of Guilford and Royster of Vance. The commission now may condemn only for roads, but may condemn property for prison camp purposes, building shops and the like.

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AMERICAN EXODUS STARTS IN CHINA

First Party Reaches Coast Following U. S. Decision On Civil War

PEIPING, Feb. 7. —(AP)— Escorted by U. S. Marine planes overhead and Marine guards aboard train, the first party of Americans from the disbanded executive headquarters, has safely reached the sea today and boarded ship for home.

Nearly 1,700 others from the headquarters, plus about 10,000 Marines are to leave shortly in carrying out the American decision to abandon mediation efforts and leave China.

Aboard the seven car special train on the 115-mile trip from Peiping to Tangku were 303 army and civilian personnel and dependents and 20 Marine guards.

The Marine planes overhead kept in radio touch with a fighter squadron which was ready to take off instantly if needed.

The precautions proved unnecessary. Chinese communists kept their promise to leave the railway alone while the Americans were using it.

Until two days ago the route was the scene of constant skirmishing between government troops and communists. But the only incident of today's 8-hour trip was a one-hour breakdown of the locomotive just outside Peiping.

The Americans went immediately aboard the transport General Weigel, which was expected to sail for the United States within 24 hours.

Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., the American commissioner, said he expected the bulk of his group would return to the United States by early March and that the entire operation would be completed within three months.

The general told correspondents the mediation effort was "the most unique mission during the long history of the United States Army," and with an emotion-choked voice added, "I am very sorry we were not successful. Like many another American soldier, we did not succeed in attaining our final objective; we are going down with our colors around us."

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Worst Blizzard In 50 Years Strikes England



Workers dig out a train marooned in deep snow in the Yorkshire area of England as the worst blizzard in 50 years sweeps over the industrial Midlands and northern Britain. The bitter cold and a shortage of coal are causing widespread suffering in many sections of the country. The storm halted the operations of many industries and resulted in much unemployment. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London).

Secretary Krug Invited To Address Meeting Here

City Industrial Agent Extends Invitation To Cabinet Member

An invitation to address the annual banquet of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was extended to Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug yesterday by John H. Farrell, city industrial agent.

The Star was informed last night. Joining in the invitation to the Interior Secretary were William B. Umstead, junior senator from North Carolina, and Representative J. Bayard Clark.

Although no formal acceptance of the invitation was made by Krug, he indicated his interest and requested that he be allowed to refrain from making a definite commitment for a short time. He said he was beginning a three weeks' tour of the western states very shortly and would like to defer a decision on the matter until after his return to the nation's capital.

It was suggested to Krug that he address the group on the industrial development of the Southeast.

No definite date for the holding of the dinner has been set by the local organization, which is headed by E. L. White.

PROGRAM SET FOR BOY SCOUT WEEK

Special Sunday Church Service Planned For Troops In Area

In observance of National Boy Scouts Week, which started yesterday, Scout Sunday will be observed tomorrow by the troops in the Wilmington district. E. Courtland Baker, scout executive, said last night.

All the local troops which are sponsored by local churches will attend that church in a body and in uniform. A special service has been planned at the churches for the scouts. Members of troops not sponsored by churches will attend their individual church in uniform, Baker said.

Churches sponsoring scout troops are St. James Episcopal, First Baptist, Grace Methodist, Church of the Covenant, Trinity Methodist, First Presbyterian, Sunset Park Baptist, Sunset Park Methodist, Wesley Memorial, and Carolina Beach Community church.

No program for the whole district has been planned, but each troop will hold individual programs in observance of the week, Baker said.

An open house honoring all former members of each troop will be held by the individual groups at their regular meeting times next week.

Along The Cape Fear

COLD SPELL — Before you start telling your neighbors about how cold it was here Wednesday morning please turn to Page 2 and take a look at the picture of the Cape Fear River.

Thanks to Mr. D. J. Black, Along The Cape Fear is able to bring you a rare picture of the famous river while it was frozen over.

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HAMPTON SHERIFF SAYS GIRL FOUND

Denies Kidnapping Angle In South Carolina Case; Girl Unharmed

Peggy Ann Simmons, reportedly kidnapped from her Hampton, S. C. home Thursday night, was found yesterday unharmed but in a weakened condition. She was returned to her home at 6:30 p. m., Sheriff A. M. Lightsey of Hampton, said last night.

The girl was discovered in shrubbery near her home by a group of neighbors, Lightsey said, and is unharmed other than being weak from lack of food.

The Hampton sheriff stated that he did not believe any element of kidnapping entered into the picture; but that the girl just left home. He denied earlier reports of evidence of a scuffle being found in the girl's room, saying that he made a thorough investigation and no such evidence was found.

The 16-year-old high school student, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Simmons, is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spivey of this city and has visited here frequently.

EAST MAY ESCAPE MAJOR COLD WAVE

Local Forecast Indicates City To See Colder And Clear Weather

Paul Hess, local weather observer, predicts clear skies but freezing temperatures for Wilmington this morning.

A high of 40 degrees is expected during the day, Hess said. Winds will be strong.

Sunday, he said, will be much colder, but "it's hard to tell how cold."

CHICAGO, Feb. 7. —(AP)— Icy, destructive winds raked wide stretches of the Midwest and the Great Lakes and raised prospects the East would escape the cold wave's worst sting.

Winds ranging up to more than 60 miles an hour at times swept over the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska, drifting snow, smashing windows and sending temperatures tumbling well below zero.

The winds blowing across the snow covered Plains States piled up mountainous drifts which stalled one passenger train near Adrian, Minn., and another in Iowa.

As the cold air mass began spreading south and eastward, in somewhat modified form, the number made idle by the succession of recent frigid waves swelled well beyond the 10,000 mark.

A ban on the use of gas for industrial purposes has thrown 100,000 out of work in industrial triangle of Western Pennsylvania, Southeastern Ohio and Northwestern West Virginia. Similar gas curtailment orders today shut off that fuel to 60 Detroit industrial plants, including Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

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MISSOURI TRAIN WRECK KILLS ONE

Several Others Injured As Broken Rail Causes Cars To Leave Track

REPUBLIC, Mo., Feb. 7. —(AP)— Four cars of Frisco railroad's Will Rogers passenger train were derailed here tonight, killing one person and injuring seven others.

The dead man was identified as Dr. James D. Osborn, 67, of Frederick, Okla. Thrown through a window of a pullman car, he was decapitated.

Frisco officials said that a broken rail caused the four rear cars of the 10-car train to jump the track shortly after 6:30 o'clock. Three of the derailed cars remained upright and the last, a pullman, fell on its side. All the injured were in the pullman.

The train, enroute from Oklahoma City to St. Louis, was due in the latter city shortly after midnight.

Wrecking crews cleared the track and the locomotive and six cars continued to Springfield.

The injured included Mrs. Georgia Belle Van Campher, 35, Chicago, fractured pelvis.

Still Missing

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 7. —(AP)— Military planes late this afternoon completed their third consecutive day of unsuccessful search for a two-engine Navy transport which vanished Tuesday night with ten men aboard on a flight from Portsmouth, N. H., to Norfolk.

The missing plane carried six passengers and a crew of four. Nine are naval personnel and one is a marine.

Today's search extended 180 miles seaward and west to Lynchburg, Va.; north to Rehoboth Beach, Del., and south to Currituck, N. C.

Comdr. William H. Snyder, search and rescue officer of the Fifth Coast Guard district, said the search would be resumed tomorrow.

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His mother, Mrs. Jane Momer, arrived seconds later and warded off a second attack by the dog with a dishpan she carried from the kitchen. She was followed by the child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Owens.

While the child was rushed to a hospital in a futile attempt to save his life, the snarling dog was shot and killed by two other neighbors — one of them the brother of the young boy bitten by the same animal in an attack on four children yesterday.

Mrs. Momer said she had not wanted Walter to go out today, but gave in to his pleading that "I'll dress myself, mommy; I want to sled before the snow melts."

Officials of the women's S.P.C.A. which took the dog's body into custody for a rabies examination, described the animal as "large as a wolf."

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Marshall Asks Power To Aid Foreign Policy

Secretary Of State Calls For Universal Military Training As Safeguard Until United Nations Can Guarantee Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. —(AP)— In his first major policy declaration as secretary of state, Gen. George C. Marshall today called for universal military training to back up American foreign policy with real power.

He said there can be no international security is worked out through the United Nations based on "solutions acceptable to the great powers that somehow the issues" involved.

Furthermore, Marshall virtually declared a great counter-campaign of truth against Russian propaganda. He did not actually identify the propaganda as Russian, but other state department leaders have been assailing Soviet propaganda.

Backing up the international broadcasting program of Assistant Secretary of State William Benton, Marshall said that somehow the United States has to build up a credit for truth and accuracy in the world and that truth has to be made to prevail against what he called the riot of propaganda.

Marshall, who took office Jan. 23, held a news conference in the state department's largest conference room. At times he lapsed into military lingo as when he opened his discussion by explaining that he did not intend to answer questions about the European theater.

The room, a product of 19th century over-decoration, had gold trimmings, marble panels, "bar" walls, and four bronze angels bearing lights, two of which flanked Marshall.

The conference was unprecedented in the memory of veteran state department reporters in that Marshall talked about virtually every outstanding diplomatic topic in the world. Sometimes he spoke for direct quotation, sometimes for indirect attribution, and sometimes off the record.

He made clear that he intends to follow the foreign policy of former Secretary James F. (Continued on Page 2; Col. 3)

FLAT RENT HIKE HIT AT HEARING

Veterans' Spokesman Asks For Extension Of Control Plan For Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. —(AP)— A flat increase in rent ceilings might bring "a wave of evictions" and possibly new wage demands, officials of consumers and veterans' organizations told the senate banking committee today.

But the opposite view was presented by a business association spokesman, as the committee held its final hearing on rent control extension.

"A rent boost which would drain off funds from purchase of consumer goods into the landlord's pocket could well be the final push plunging us into the threatening recession," said Mrs. Cynthia Han- representing the National League of Women Shoppers, New York.

"The cold fact is that OPA rent control has driven properties off the market by the tens of thousands," said Edward R. Carr of Washington, housing chairman for the builder's association.

"Everything about rent control has worked in eliminating the supply of rental housing," he added. "The landlord derives an attractive price from selling instead of being stuck with a poor investment. Only the tenant loses."

A proposal that hotel rooms be exempted completely from rent controls was brought in by E. J. O'Brien, Toledo, Ohio, representing the American Hotel Association.

OPA's exemption of transient hotel rooms from ceiling controls, effective on February 15, is so bound up with regulations and restraints," O'Brien said, that hotels will feel little advantage.

Extension of rent control for another year, with no across-the-board increase in ceilings but with speedy adjustment in cases of "hardship" to landlords, was advocated by John C. Williamson, assistant legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"From here on another dollar for rent is one dollar less for meat and eggs," Williamson said. "I would inevitably result from across-the-board rental increases."

Mrs. Hannum entered a similar recommendation from the shopper's league, plus the request that congress give OPA additional funds to speed up the adjustment of hardship cases and strengthen the enforcement of ceilings.

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GOVERNOR MIXUP REACHES COURTS

First Decision Says Thompson Rightful Claimant In Georgia

McDONOUGH, Ga., Feb. 7. —(AP)— A legal battle to oust Herman Talmadge as Georgia governor began in Henry county superior court today while in a separate case at Rome, Ga., a judge ruled that Talmadge was illegally holding the executive office.

The Rome jurist, Superior Court Judge C. H. Porter, in a blunt decision which may reach the state supreme court in 10 days, held that the state legislature had no right to elect Talmadge or anyone else as governor.

The legislature's sole authority, Porter ruled, was to canvass the general election vote and announce that the late Eugene Talmadge had received a majority of the votes.

Therefore, Porter said, Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson is the rightful governor. He granted a mandamus against Thompson to force members of the state pardon and parole board to submit their budget to him rather than to Talmadge.

The Rome case was one of a whole series pending as a result of the gubernatorial mixup in which both Talmadge and Thompson claim office. But it was the first clear-cut ruling by a judge on which man is the legal governor.

However, even if the state supreme court upholds Porter's ruling, Talmadge probably would not vacate the office pending final settlement of the suit for a declaratory judgment being heard here.

In a statement on the Rome decision, Talmadge said he was not a party to the suit, was not represented by counsel, and that the suit involved only Thompson and members of the pardon and parole board.

Talmadge's attorneys came here without their client to defend him against the declaratory judgment suit seeking to oust him from the office he claimed and occupied for

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GROUP DISCUSSES PROPOSED DECREE